

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR GTSAC 2-25-05

MSP is the Lead Agency unless otherwise noted

Drunk Driving Legislation

HB 4286 AGGRAVATED OWI

(Rep. Jones) Increases penalties for operating a vehicle with excessive blood alcohol content (0.20).

*In House Judiciary Committee, **Testimony Taken – not voted upon***

HB 4367 DRUNKEN DRIVING TEACHER

(Rep. Wenke) Prohibits a legally drunk adult from accompany a driver fulfilling graduated licensing requirements.

In House Transportation Committee

HB 4614 OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, ALCOHOL

(Rep. Newell) Adopts OWI standards as they apply to an off-road vehicle.

In House Judiciary Committee

HB 4615 ALCOHOL, WATERCRAFT OPERATION

(Rep. Schuitmaker) Adopts OWI standards as they apply to the operation of a watercraft.

In House Judiciary Committee

HB 4616 ALCOHOL, SNOWMOBILE OPERATION

(Rep. Condino) Adopts OWI standards as they apply to the operation of a snowmobile.

In House Judiciary Committee

HB 4630 PRELIMINARY BREATH TESTS

(Rep. David Law) Allows preliminary breath tests as admissible evidence in certain criminal prosecutions.

In House Judiciary Committee

HB 4631 DRUNKEN DRIVING PENALTIES

(Rep. David Law) Allows the use of certain out-of-state ordinance violations to enhance drunk driving penalties.

In House Judiciary Committee

Speed Limits

HB 4032 CITY COUNCIL SPEED RESTRICTIONS

MDOT Lead

(Rep. Whitmer) Requires input by city councils in setting speed limits on state trunk-lines located within city limits.

In House Transportation Committee

Restraints / Passenger Safety

HB 4152 CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS

DCH Lead

(Rep. Kolb) Includes booster seats in violations in which fines may be waived (if booster seat is purchased)

In House Transportation Committee

HB 4153 CHILD BOOSTER SEATS

DCH Lead

(Rep. Kolb) Requires child safety seats for children 80 pounds or less, younger than 9 years old, and under 4'9" tall.

In House Transportation Committee

SB 183 CHILD BOOSTER SEATS

(Sen. McManus) Requires use of child safety restraint system or booster seats for children under 8 years of age and 4'9" in height.

In Senate Transportation Committee

SB 262 CHILD CAR RESTRAINTS

(Sen. George) Allows a waiver of fines for certain child booster seat violations under certain circumstances.

In Senate Transportation Committee

SB 297 MOTORCYCLE HELMET EXCEPTIONS

(Sen. Cropsey) Provides exceptions to requirement of wearing crash helmets under certain circumstances.

Passed Senate, referred to House Transportation Committee (hearing scheduled for May 3rd)

SB 313 SEAT BELT EXEMPTIONS

(Sen. Birkholz) Removes certain exemptions regarding the use of seat belts under the age of 16, if all belts are in use by others.

In Senate Transportation Committee

SB 314 CHILD SAFETY SEAT REGULATIONS

(Sen. Hammerstrom) Requires a child safety restraint seat to be in the rear seat if vehicle has rear seat and removes the nursing child exemption.

In Senate Transportation Committee

Construction Zone

HB 4028 NO PASSING NEAR CONSTRUCTION ZONE

(Rep. Vagnozzi) Establishes a "no passing in merge zone" area for regulation of traffic merging at construction sites on freeways.

In House Transportation Committee

Driver License

HB 4338 DRIVER LICENSE

Dep. of Education Lead

(Rep. Clack) Clarifies certain attendance requirements to maintain driver license.

In House Education Committee

Miscellaneous

SB 161 SNOWMOBILE OPERATION

MDOT Lead

(Sen. Allen) Allows the operation of snowmobiles on rights-of-way of limited access highways.

In Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee

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HB 4354, SB 399

HB 4126 SNOWMOBILE ACCESS

MDOT Lead

(Rep. Elsenheimer) Allows operation of snowmobiles on rights-of-way of limited access highways.

In House Transportation Committee

HB 4163 ELUDING A POLICE OFFICER

(Rep. Pastor) Establishes a mandatory minimum 2-year sentence for fleeing or eluding a police officer.

In House Judiciary Committee

HB 4210 LEAVING THE SCENE OF TRAFFIC CRASH

(Rep. Stakoe) Eliminates requirement for prosecution to show proof that a driver of a fleeing vehicle has knowledge of injuries.

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SB 345 UNATTENDED VEHICLE

(Sen. Van Woerkom) Prohibits and provides remedies for leaving a vehicle unattended in parking lot with the engine running.

In Senate Transportation Committee